

Grand Chamber Panel's decisions – June 2024

At its last meeting on 24 June 2024, the Grand Chamber panel of five judges decided:

- to refer the case **Danileț v. Romania** (application no. 16915/21), and,
- to reject requests to refer eight other cases (detailed list below)¹.

Referral accepted

Danileț v. Romania (application no. 16915/21)

The applicant, Vasiliță-Cristi Danileț, is a Romanian national who was born in 1975 and lives in Cluj-Napoca (Romania).

The case concerns the disciplinary sanction imposed on the applicant, when he was a judge at Cluj County Court, by the National Judicial and Legal Service Commission for posting two messages on his Facebook account.

Mr Danileț complains of a violation of his right to freedom of expression (Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights).

The application was lodged with the European Court of Human Rights on 18 March 2021.

In its [judgment](#) of 20 February 2024, the Court (chamber) held, by a majority, that there had been a violation of Article 10 (freedom of expression) of the European Convention on Human Rights.

On 24 June 2024 the case was referred to the Grand Chamber at the Romanian Government's request.

Requests for referral rejected

Judgments in the following cases are now final²

Ismayilzade v. Azerbaijan (application no. 17780/18), [judgment](#) of 18 January 2024

Narayan and Others v. Azerbaijan and Abovyan and Others v. Azerbaijan (application nos. 54363/17 and 54364/17), [judgment](#) of 19 December 2023

Executief van de Moslims van België and Others v. Belgium (nos. 16760/22 and 10 others), [judgment](#) of 13 February 2024

Wiegandová v. the Czech Republic (no. 51391/19), [judgment](#) of 11 January 2024

Cherrier v. France (no. 18843/20), [judgment](#) of 30 January 2024

Jarre v. France (no. 14157/18), [judgment](#) of 15 February 2024

¹ Under Article 43 of the European Convention on Human Rights, within three months from the date of a Chamber judgment, any party to the case may, in exceptional cases, request that the case be referred to the 17-judges Grand Chamber of the Court. In that event, a panel of five judges considers whether the case raises a serious question affecting the interpretation or application of the Convention or its protocols, or a serious issue of general importance, in which case the Grand Chamber will deliver a final judgment. If no such question or issue arises, the panel will reject the request, at which point the judgment becomes final. Otherwise Chamber judgments become final on the expiry of the three-month period or earlier if the parties declare that they do not intend to make a request to refer.

² Under Article 44 § 2 (c) of the European Convention on Human Rights, the judgment of a Chamber becomes final when the panel of the Grand Chamber rejects the request to refer under Article 43.

Vlahović v. Montenegro (no. 62444/10), [judgment](#) of 22 February 2024

Mehmet Zeki Doğan v. Türkiye (no. 2) (no. 3324/19), [judgment](#) of 13 February 2024

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